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Programming Coordinating Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Joe Deal (City of Chicago-CMAP Board), Mark Avery (DuPage County-

Land Use Committee), Alan Bennett (Village of Elmwood Park-CMAP Board), Beth Dever (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus-Housing Committee), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development-Economic

and Community Development Committee), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project-CMAP Board), Steve Schlickman (Regional

Transportation Authority-CMAP Board), Chris Snyder (DuPage County-Transportation Committee), Tammy Wierciak (West Central Municipal

Conference-Human Services Committee)

Members Absent: Jack Darin (Sierra Club-Environment and Natural Resources Committee),

Russell Hartigan (Lyons Township-CMAP Board), Marilyn Michelini (Montgomery-CMAP Board), Dan Shea (McHenry County-CMAP Board),

Nigel Telman (Sidley-Austin LLP-CMAP Board)

Others Present: Pat Carey (City of Chicago), John Donovan (FHWA), Paul Heltne

(Citizen), Mike Walczak (NWMC), Chris Staron (North Shore

Council), Catherine Kannenberg (METRA), Jan Ward

(Kane/Kendall Council)

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Gordon Smith, Lori Heringa,

Patricia Berry, Teri Dixon, Tom Murtha, Doug Ferguson, Brett Baden,

Holly Ostdick and Shana Alford

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Joe Deal.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or formal announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Bennett to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2009 Programming Coordinating Committee meeting as presented was seconded by Ms. Dever. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Update

Mr. Murtha reported that the MPO Policy Committee approved the 2009 Update to the region's Greenways and Trails Plan at its October 8 meeting. The Trails Plan was originally adopted by NIPC in 1992 and updated in 1997. The Plan Update presents a vision with an anticipated horizon year of 2040. The approved update included text developed to clarify language suggested by the RTA at the Programming Coordinating Committee's September meeting. The language is meant to assure future transportation plans are addressed in the greenway process. A motion was made by Mr. Schlickman, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to recommend the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trail Plan 2009 Update for approval. All in favor, the motion carried. The Plan is available at http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/greenwaysandtrails.aspx

Mr. Schlickman thanked staff for including the additional language.

5.0 Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Mr. Ferguson spoke about the most recent Sustainable Communities Tour, which included a stop at the June 16 MPC event. It is a partnership between the White House Office of Urban Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Department of Energy may also be brought in to this partnership. The goal is to bring a new level of interagency collaboration and ensure that housing and transportation goals are met while considering the climate, environment, equitable development, and sustainable growth. Mr. Donovan noted that this effort is a work in progress and that livability is high on the list of USDOT Secretary LaHood's list of issues. He noted that the issues involved resonate in part because of a hallmark of why CMAP was created: this work cannot be done in silos. This effort is looked upon as a big project that may take some years to complete. Mr. Grueling asked if there was a book that gave definitions of the terms for equitable development and sustainable community. Mr. Grueling stated that we, as a committee, understand the terms but there are various meanings. Also, Mr. Grueling wanted to know what the job components were of this effort and where the sustainable communities plan exists.

Mr. Blankenhorn said the Department of Commerce has been invited to participate as has the Department of Energy. This effort is in its infancy and CMAP is in a good position to help determine the course taken.

Mr. Grueling also added that there are silos of federal government that haven't helped but it is important to make sure that all players are at the table. Mr. Grueling inquired if this

partnership was a marginal effort. Mr. Donovan responded that the effort isn't marginal because it is coming from the Secretary's Office and the next reauthorization is intended to provide a vision; at that point we should see how everything is related.

Mr. Schlickman stated that Senator Dodd has introduced a local community act and noted that Marisol Simon said that everyone has met once on the issue with EPA and HUD however neither of those agencies have local administrators yet. They have to come out with a reauthorization proposal as part of budget. Mr. Deal asked how much of the plan is driven by transportation vs. the White House Office of Urban Affairs. Mr. Donovan responded that there is no fair answer and he was not sure if it was driven more or less by transportation. Mr. Donovan mentioned that the issues discussed have always been on US Department of Transportation's radar. Mr. Blankenhorn clarified that this issue is being driven by the White House and they are saying that this is an important program. Mr. Ferguson stated that this partnership program is part of the HUD 2010 budget request. The Administration did ask the Secretary for specific programs and projects.

Mr. Blankenhorn informed the committee that CMAP has been talking to HUD and right now HUD is talking about the planning but CMAP is really pushing for planning **and** implementation. Mr. Avery asked if federal agencies will reach out to smaller political jurisdictions. Mr. Blankenhorn responded that currently the focus is on bigger metro areas.

6.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

Ms. Ostdick requested recommendation of approval of the proposed FFY 2010-11 multiyear CMAQ program discussed at the Programming Committee's September meeting. The proposed program fully commits FFY2010 and FFY2011 funds. Ms. Ostdick referred to the CMAQ memo submitted in the pre-meeting packet to discuss the dollar funding amounts for the each programming year and asked the committee for any questions about the memo or program.

Mr. Bennett inquired whether the CMAQ program being presented for approval was identical to what was approved at MPO Policy Committee. Ms. Ostdick replied that it was. Mr. Bennett asked for clarification of the timeframe covered by the pie-chart. Ms. Ostdick explained that the pie chart shows CMAQ programming since the inception of the program. Mr. Bennett emphasized that the time sequence of the dollars represented wasn't clear and recommended that CMAP staff include such information in future iterations. Mr. Bennett also stated that it would be helpful to the reader if future presentations of the tables would provide subtotals for each category and a grand total. Overall, Mr. Bennett added that these recommendations will help with analysis of the projects.

Mr. Snyder asked whether the projects reflect the impact of the recent rescission. Ms. Ostdick replied that a decision was made to move the program forward before the rescission was finalized. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee felt it should do its job of

programming the funding. The proposed program was recommended for approval on a motion by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Schlickman. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 FFY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Regional Transportation Plan/TIP Conformity Analysis

Ms. Dixon presented the RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and reminded the committee that TIP conformity only takes place in the spring and fall of each fiscal year. There were a total of 98 projects that required conformity analysis and all projects met fiscal constraint. At the Transportation Committee held on September 18th approval of the TIP Conformity was recommended. The MPO Policy Committee approved the amendments and conformity analysis at its meeting last week. In addition, a Metra project using ARRA funds for operating and which did not have any air quality impact was also added to the TIP. The total project cost was \$6.3 million in FY 2010. The TIP amendments and conformity analysis were recommended for approval on a motion by Mr. Deal, seconded by Mr. Avery. All in favor, the motion carried.

Ms. Berry took an opportunity to bring members' attention to the announcement of Mercy Housing's October 27th event focusing on how to leverage stimulus funding from both a national and local perspective.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Committee.

9.0 Public Comment

Mr. Heltne addressed the committee and called attention to a recent report presented to the environment and natural resources committee by BACOG. Mr. Heltne said that in his opinion BACOG went into extraordinary detail that allows us to understand our resources. He noted that the water supply study covered four different counties. Mr. Heltne complimented the results of this project as a wonderful piece of work that studied infiltration and groundwater. He said the study helps to assess where wells would be a good idea vs. a bad idea and that more importantly the report discusses how to share water between jurisdictions. Some jurisdictions would protect infiltration areas while other areas would be developed. In Mr. Heltne's opinion, the kind of detail provided in the study could make room for regional discussions, which would benefit the DRI process. Mr. Heltne closed by making one additional point which was that his opinion is that the study was a great expense that BACOG could afford, but that many areas in the region could not. Mr. Heltne concluded that since only some areas within the region would be able to afford this type of study he feels there is an issue of equity and he believes that future studies need a regional approach.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next Programming Coordinating Committee meeting was left on call.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at approximately 8:30 a.m., by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Dever and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Berry

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 10, 2010